

ITO et al., SN 09/935,846
Suppl. Amdt dated 06/23/2004

Dkt. 520.40476X00/NT0416US
Page 7

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is supplemental to the *bona fide* and complete Amendment timely filed on 22 June 2004 in response to the Office Action identified above, and is further responsive in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. Unrelated to any prior art, scope or rejection, appropriate Claims have been amended, added or deleted in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, the amendments to the claims are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 1-12 are pending in the application for consideration and examination.

CORRECTION OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In the *bona fide* and complete Amendment timely filed on 22 June 2004 in the present application, portions of the changes to the claims, e.g., clarifying features/limitations added in the first clause of Claim 1, were not marked in the manner of making amendments as required under 37 CFR §1.121. Applicant respectfully submits that, during the preparation of the changes to the claims, it appears that the word processing application used to effect such changes inadvertently removed the required markings of underlining and strikethrough when additional changes were made to any words adjacent to the first changes.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits the present Supplemental Amendment with

ITO *et al.*, SN 09/935,846
Suppl. Amdt dated 06/23/2004

Dkt. 520.40476X00/NT0416US
Page 8

the claims, including all underlining and strikethrough required for the changes intended to be made thereto. No new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above clarified claims be substituted in their entirety for the set of claims contained in the *bona fide* and complete Amendment timely filed on 22 June 2004.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area telephone 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

ITO et al., SN 09/935,846
Suppl. Amdt dated 06/23/2004

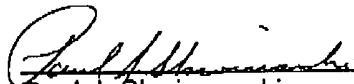
Dkt. 520.40476X00/NT0416US
Page 9

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application now are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

This Supplemental Amendment is being submitted merely to clarify the *bona fide* and complete Amendment timely filed on 22 June 2004, and therefore, no Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR §1.136 or fee is required for entry and consideration of this paper. To whatever other extent is actually appropriate, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Further, no additional fees are required for entry of this paper. Please charge any actual shortage in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 520.40476X00).

Respectfully submitted,



Paul J. Skwierawski
Registration No. 32,173
ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP
1300 North Seventeenth Street, Suite 1800
Arlington, Virginia 22209-3801, USA
Telephone 703-312-6600
Facsimile 703-312-6666